**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Special Enforcement Bureau – Controlling Narcotic Drugs and Phychotropic substances – Attachment of one APSP battalion to the Special Enforcement Bureau – Orders – issued.

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**HOME (LEGAL.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt. No.935** **Dated:04.10.2021.**

**Read the following:-**

1) G.O.Ms.No.41, General Administration (Cabinet.II) Department, Dated 09.05.2020.
2) G.O.Ms.No.71, General Administration (Special Enforcement Bureau) Department, Dated:28.07.2020.
3) G.O.Ms.No.120, General Administration (SEB.I) Department, Dated 26.11.2020.

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**ORDER:**

The Government itself have committed to reduce alcohol consumption in the State with a view to improve the standard of physical quality of life of its people. Several proactive measures have been taken such as removing of belt shops, reduction of liquor retail outlets, removal of private persons in retail liquor operations, dispensing with permit rooms, reduction in maximum possession limit of liquor, enhancement of penalties for intoxicants related offences etc. towards the cause of reduction in alcohol consumption and moving towards better life. The Government also committed to conservation of Environment and sustainable sand mining and framed a comprehensive sand policy to address the issues of indiscriminate mining of sand, black marketing, hoarding and illegal cross border smuggling of sand. In order to implement the above two committed policies of Government and realise the policy objectives, there is a strong felt need to put in place a robust mechanism with a special focus by creating a dedicated and specialised Department and to curb all kind of illegal activities relating to liquor and sand.

2. Accordingly, in the G.O. first read above, Government issued orders creating a new Department called "Special Enforcement Bureau", as a part of General Administration Department and headed by the Director General of Police (HoPF) as the Ex-Officio Principal Secretary to Government. It was also ordered, among others, that the Special Enforcement Bureau will have a Commissionerate headed by the Commissioner who will be the Head of Department (HoD) in the rank of Inspector General of Police or above.

3. In the G.O. second read above, Government have issued orders declaring the Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau as the Head of the Department for the purpose of financial transactions, as required under Article 6 of the Andhra Pradesh Financial Code Volume-I and Appendix 1 of the Andhra Pradesh Financial Code Volume.II.

4. Further, Government have decided to enlarge the scope of special Enforcement Bureau Department by including the handling of offences like gambling and gaming of all kinds including online betting, Matka etc. Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances like Ganja etc. Manufacturing and sale of banned products like Gutka etc. and smuggling of Red Sanders. Accordingly, in the G.O. 3rd read above, Government issued orders according permission to the Special Enforcement Bureau Department to handle the said offences.

5. During the review of the functioning of Special enforcement Bureau, Government have decided that the cultivation of Cannabis (Ganja) in the Agency area be destroyed in the beginning itself. To achieve this objective, one APSP Battalion be attached to the Special Enforcement Bureau. Accordingly, Government direct one APSP Battalion shall be dedicated to the Special Enforcement Bureau, forthwith. The Commandant of the said Battalion shall deploy the requisite force as and when directly requisitioned by the Commissioner, Special Enforcement Bureau, to carry out the entrusted operations in the State.

6. The Director General of Police (HoPF), Andhra Pradesh shall issue further orders accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

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To
The General Administration (SEB) Department.

**// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //**

**SECTION OFFICER.**